



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Ceantar Buirge Dhroichead Átha - Borough District of Drogheda Meeting – March 2023

Minutes of the Borough District of Drogheda Meeting held at The Governor's House, Millmount,
Drogheda - Monday, 6th March 2023 at 4:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Mayor Cllr Michelle Hall

Members: **Councillor(s)** James Byrne, Joanna Byrne, Kevin Callan, Tom Cunningham,
Declan Power, Pío Smith, Eileen Tully

Apologies: **Councillor(s)** Paddy McQuillan,

Officials: Gráinne Tuomey, Meetings Administrator
Paddy Donnelly, Director of Services (DOS)
Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer (SE)
John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer (SE)

Minute No. 21/23

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023 were confirmed on the
Proposal of Cllr Pío Smith
Seconded by Cllr Kevin Callan
And approved.

Minute No. 22/23

Matters Arising

None

Minute No. 23/23

Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

Members considered the Community Grants and approval of same was
Proposal of Cllr Pío Smith
Seconded by Cllr Tom Cunningham
And resolved.

Minute No. 24/23

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting. Director of Services, Paddy Donnelly addressed all matters raised by the Members.

The following items were highlighted:

- When HAP applicants have secured a tenancy and advise the Housing Team of same best efforts will be made to fast track their application. While there is a huge backlog of applicants and there may still be a significant waiting period to process correspondence will issue within 5 working days and the Landlord can check with the office
- Housing has no role in the provision of community or playground facilities in developments
- Hatton Terrace negotiations are ongoing between Uisce Éireann and the Department

Minute No. 25/23

Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Mark Johnson, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with requests to tackle illegal parking in bus stops and disabled bays, road resurfacing, road safety and new signage requests, road lines painting, litter removal, numerous potholes, review of traffic lights and traffic light sequencing, painting of disabled bays, abandoned vehicles, road erosion repair, overgrowth on footpaths impeding use, blocked drains, footpath repair and installation, traffic calming, the following items were highlighted:

- The North East Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force are organizing training on collection of sharps and drug paraphernalia, LCC Outdoor staff are currently undergoing training, and may assist in a clean up of St. Peters Graveyard when trained
- A request for relocation of a bus shelter in Termonfeckin cannot be facilitated as it was the only available site
- All business owners have a responsibility to clean litter within 100m of their business premises
- Enforcement action is being considered on companies who obtained Road Opening Licences but who are not compliant with conditions of licence
- A report of anti-social behaviour linked to rough sleepers at Meat Market Lane will be investigated by the Homeless Action Team who will make contact
- LED replacement bulb heads for Public lighting may assist low lighting issues. Public lit areas subject to illegal dumping and anti-social behaviour will be examined to see if a double head could be installed on existing light pole
- It may be necessary to fully close roads where works are being carried out by Uisce Éireann due to size of underground pipes
- Barriers at pedestrian crossings are no longer a recommended safety measure

The following miscellaneous items were raised:

- Bus stops on green areas are a matter for the bus companies

Minute No. 26/23

Road Work Programme 2023 – Noted

Member noted the programme as put before them and Mark Johnson answered all queries raised.

Minute No. 27/23

Physical Development Report

Members discussed the report as issued and Olivia McCormack Senior Executive Officer, advised on all items raised. The following items were highlighted:

- Obelisk Bridge – Approval has been received from the Department to go to tender. The bridge will need to be completely closed for the duration of works
- Boyne Enterprise link road – a letter of acceptance has issued to the contractor to commence on LCC owned lands. Negotiations with private land owners are ongoing on other lands and all resolutions are under consideration
- Apart from structural works under Active Travel, encouragement of non car use including cycling and walking is being funded by various bodies and promoted by Louth County Council
 - TFI National Bike Week runs from the 13th to 21st May, Louth County Council Community Section have received funding for school visits to encourage cycling
 - Safe routes to schools funded by An Taisce is operated by the Green-Schools Programme in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Louth County Council
 - Marchathon Step Challenge under TFI Smarter Travel programme
 - Louth County Council Road Safety Officer visits schools throughout the county
 - A Park and Stride scheme for parents to walk part of the way to school is operated by Louth County Council
- Updates were given to Members on Fair Street works

Minute No. 28/23

Condolences

Condolences were offered to the family and friends on the death of Tommy Murphy who had previously served as a Councillor and twice as Mayor of Drogheda Borough Council. Mayor Hall led condolences and each Member present contributed to same. Mr Murphy was fondly remembered as a character, very direct, straight talking and honorable, with his contribution to boxing, the town of Drogheda and to politics over a 30 year period remarked upon.

Paddy Donnelly echoed the sentiments of Members on behalf of the Executive and staff and advised that Mr Murphy had always been courteous to staff.

Condolences were offered to the Noer family on the tragic loss of Mr Julius Noer Snr following a house fire, and best wishes were offered that his son makes a full recovery. The fire brigade, emergency services and gardai were complimented on their prompt response.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

Date:

3-4-2023.

Mayor:

Michelle Hall

Meeting Administrator:

Ava Sponey